Unemployment among minorities in urban areas

2811. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unemployed or semi-employed people in urban areas belong to the minority community;

(b) whether any survey has been done to see whether the scheme made by her Ministry reaches these section; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the NGOs, minority institutions and media are involved in propagating these schemes among the most deprived sections of the minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation has not carried out any such survey in the urban areas with specific reference to minority communities. However, as the poverty alleviation scheme of this Ministry is targeted towards urban poor living below the poverty line, it includes the urban poor population of minority communities.

(c) The publicity of the poverty alleviation schemes is carried out through pamphlets, audio-visual programmes, Seminars/workshops etc. by the States/Union Territories Governments, urban local bodies and other implementing agencies. The target audience for these publicity programmes is the urban poor population living in deprived conditions is the urban poor population living in deprived conditions in cities/towns in the urban areas in the country.

National Policy on Hawkers

2812. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has asked Government to submit a blueprint of its proposed National Policy on Hawkers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN